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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

57 May 7, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3998 FOR
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING
AND APPROVE USE OF ON-CALL CONTRACTS
ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECTS
IN THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE AND LAWDALE
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VIEW PARK/WINDSOR HILLS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt Resolution No. 3998 providing Highways-Through-Cities Funds to the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale; approve traffic signal synchronization program and traffic safety projects; and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts to deliver the projects in the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale and in the unincorporated community of View Park/Windsor Hills.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed projects, Hawthorne Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard and View Park/Windsor Hills - Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive, to be approved through work orders, are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the projects.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 3998 finding that the modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale is of general County interest and that Los Angeles County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities Funds in the amount of \$936,400 shall be provided to the cities to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

3. Approve the Hawthorne Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard and View Park/Windsor Hills - Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive projects with total project cost estimates of \$1,134,800 and \$2,400,000, respectively.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to use On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts, which have been previously approved by the Board, to deliver the two proposed projects by issuing work orders where the total project cost estimates shall not exceed \$1,134,800 and \$2,400,000 unless additional funds have been identified.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the proposed projects, Hawthorne Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) - Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard and View Park/Windsor Hills - Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive, and related actions, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); adopt a Resolution that the Hawthorne Boulevard TSSP project is of general County interest and that aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) Funds in the amount of \$936,400 shall be provided to the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale; approve the Hawthorne Boulevard TSSP – Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard and View Park/Windsor Hills – Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive projects with total project cost estimates of \$1,134,800 and \$2,400,000, respectively; and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use Board-approved On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts to construct the projects that will upgrade and synchronize traffic signals throughout several intersections along Hawthorne Boulevard in the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale and install traffic signals in the unincorporated community of View Park/Windsor Hills (see Enclosure A).

Public Works is proposing to implement traffic signal synchronization and traffic safety programs to increase mobility, minimize congestion, and improve safety for roadway users. The two proposed projects will be delivered through work orders issued under existing On Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts. The use of on-call contracts is a cost effective, streamlined method for completing traffic signal synchronization and traffic safety projects.

The HTC program is a County program initiated to assist cities in developing a fully coordinated arterial system throughout the County recognizing that many small cities do not have the funds to complete their portion of the County's Highway Plan. Under the HTC program, cities receive assistance for the construction of specific highway projects. The HTC Funds are allocated on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Supervisor in whose district the project is located.

Board adoption of Resolution No. 3998 will approve the County's contributions of HTC Funds in the amount of \$936,400 to finance a portion of the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale's jurisdictional shares of the project cost (see Enclosure B).

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

Public Works recommends that the Board approve the two proposed projects and authorize Public Works to use On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts to deliver these projects.

If approved, it is anticipated the work for both projects will start in July 2024 and be completed in March 2025.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The construction contract costs to complete the Hawthorne Boulevard TSSP - Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard and View Park/Windsor Hills - Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive projects are estimated to be \$569,125 and \$1,320,000, respectively, with total project costs estimated to be \$1,134,800 and \$2,400,000, respectively. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

The Hawthorne Boulevard TSSP Project is located in the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale. City Service Requests will provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale to finance a portion of their jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be \$3,000 and \$195,400, respectively. The project is financed with \$936,400 in grant funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2013 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds, for the South Bay Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project. The \$936,400 in HTC Funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds. The Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale's jurisdictional shares of the County HTC contribution from Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds are \$89,800 and \$846,600, respectively.

The View Park/Windsor Hills – Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive Project is located within the unincorporated County communities of View Park/Windsor Hills. The project is financed with \$2,400,000 in County Road Funds.

Funding for the two proposed projects is included in the Road Fund (B03 - Capital Assets–Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) and Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 - Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budgets. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 27, 2023, the Board delegated to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee, the authority to separately award and execute six On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts and to approve and execute supplemental work orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code, pursuant to the authority granted by Public Contract Code Section 20145, which allows the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director of Public Works to deliver construction contracts that do not exceed \$330,000. The contract work of the two proposed projects both exceed \$330,000 and, therefore, require Board approval.

The two proposed projects would be carried out through previously Board-approved On Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts. Public Works will use the executed contract pricing and specifications, including the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects that are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The two separate proposed projects are exempt from CEQA.

The Hawthorne Boulevard TSSP - Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard Project to synchronize and upgrade traffic signal systems is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 4, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

The View Park/Windsor Hills - Overhill Drive at 58th Place-Orchid Drive Project to install a traffic signal system is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 4, 5, 7, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

Based on the records of the two proposed projects, they will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemptions inapplicable to the projects.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works would utilize Board-approved On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts for the construction of the two proposed projects.

Both projects will comply with the Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy that went into effect on November 1, 2016.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The use of Board-approved on-call traffic signal and safety construction contracts for the two proposed projects will expedite the completion of these projects. Minor impacts to adjacent residents, businesses, and motorists may occur while the projects are underway. When the projects are completed, they will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic flow, reducing congestion, and improving safety for the traveling public.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter and one signed copy of the Resolution to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

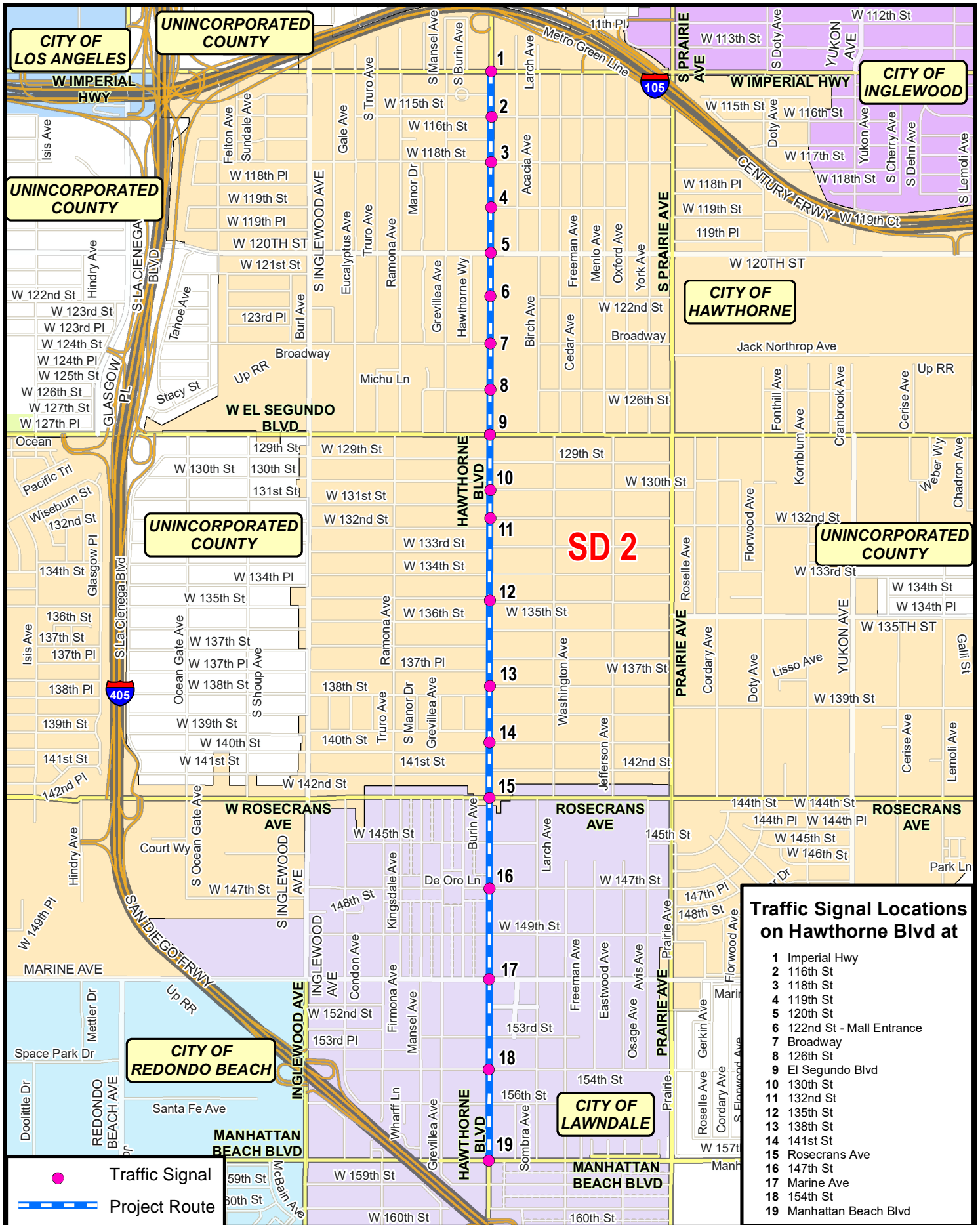
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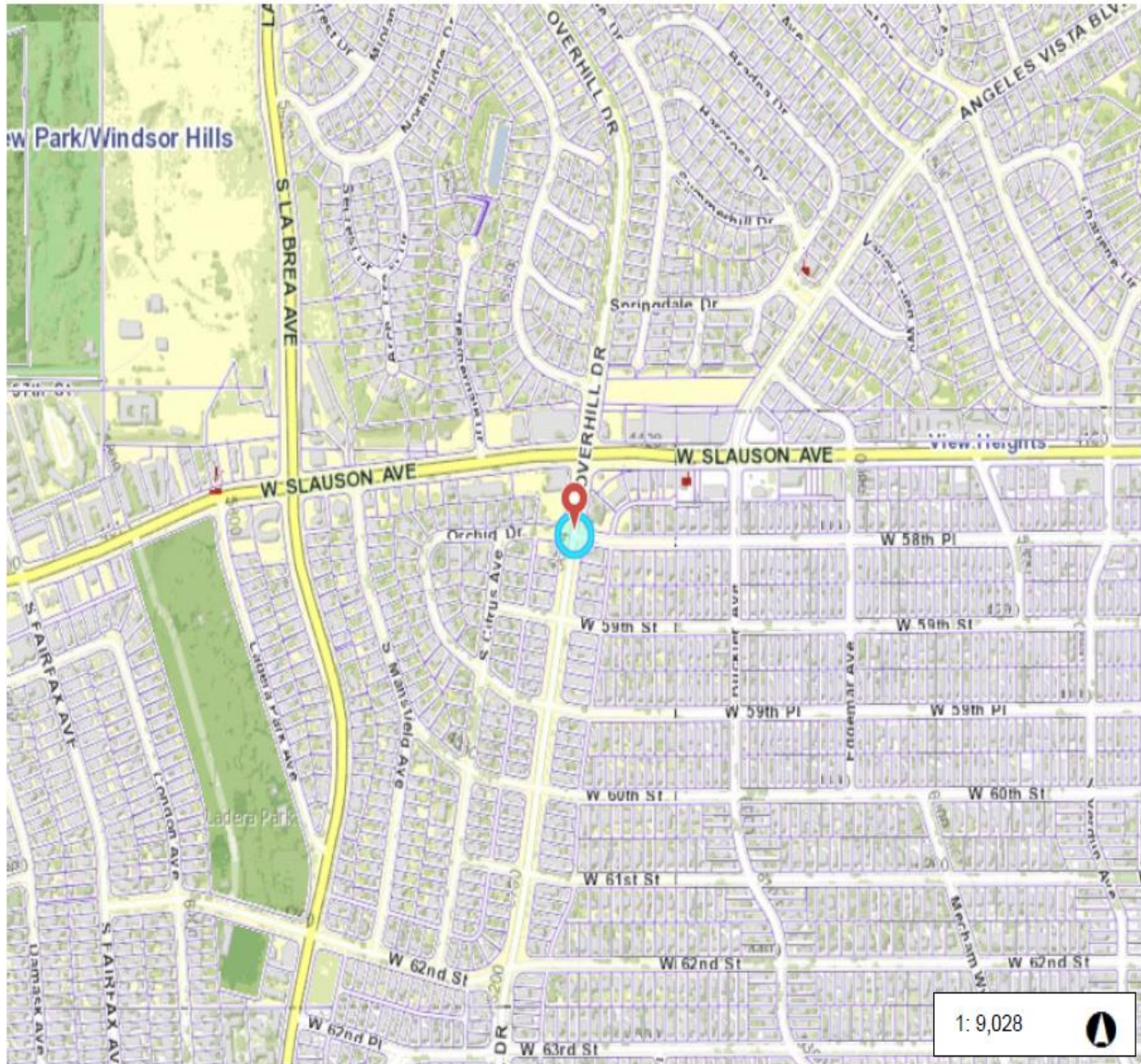
c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
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Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM - IMPERIAL HIGHWAY
TO MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010467**

ENCLOSURE A
May 7, 2024



VIEW PARK/WINDSOR HILLS – OVERHILL DRIVE AT 58TH PLACE – ORCHID DRIVE
PROJECT ID NO. TDS0001730



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**RESOLUTION NO. 3998 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO
THE CITIES OF HAWTHORNE AND LAWDALE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF HAWTHORNE AND LAWDALE, hereinafter referred to as CITIES and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (COUNTY), hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify and synchronize the traffic signals along Hawthorne Boulevard from Imperial Highway to Manhattan Beach Boulevard, which work is hereinafter referred to as the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP); and

WHEREAS, portions of TSSP are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, TSSP is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the CITIES' shares of the total cost of TSSP is currently estimated to be One Million One Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,134,800.00); and

WHEREAS, the CITIES' shares of the TSSP cost will be financed with Nine Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$936,400.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) 2013 Call for Projects grant funds administered by the COUNTY for the South Bay Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project and One Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$198,400.00) in City funds; and

WHEREAS, TSSP is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Number P00F7310 between COUNTY and METRO; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The TSSP is of general COUNTY interest and County-aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Streets and Highways Code sections 1680-1683,

to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of Nine Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$936,400.00) for TSSP from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from METRO pursuant to MOU Number P00F7310 between COUNTY and METRO.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 7th day of May, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



JEFF LEVINSON
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County of Los Angeles

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